

March 7, 2001

Mr. John J. O'Grady Remedial Project Manager Superfund division USEPA Region V 77 West Jackson Blvd. [SR-6J] Chicago, IL 60604-3590

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Re: Fansteel Inc – North Chicago – EE/CA Administrative Order Docket No. V-W-00-6-413 Monthly Written Report for February 2001

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

In accordance with paragraph V.3.3 of the subject Administrative Order, this is our monthly progress report concerning activities undertaken pursuant to this Order during February 2001

Significant developments that occurred during the month of February 2001 include the following:

- February 9, 2001 Fansteel Inc. provided written notice to EPA on designation of Earth Sciences Consulting Inc. (ESCI) as the new contractor retained by Fansteel Inc. to implement the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)
- February 13, 2001 Fansteel Inc. provided written notice to EPA that the EE/CA work plan and associated health and safety and quality assurance project plans will be submitted to EPA for approval in March 2001
- February 27, 2001 Fansteel Inc. provided written notice to EPA regarding the scheduling of field activities for March 5 and April 9, 2001, to measure groundwater depths in monitoring wells at Fansteel to assist in the development of the EE/CA work plan and to provide additional information on groundwater flow directions.

No analytical data was received during the month of February 2001 and no problems of importance were encountered. The field activities scheduled for March 5, 2001, as discussed above, have already been conducted. No other sampling activities are currently

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scheduled for the month of March 2001. However, Fansteel Inc. does expect to provide for EPA approval the EE CA work plan and associated health and safety and quality assurance project plans.

Please call me if you have any questions or if you would like to discus this further

Sincerely.

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